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MADE FISH HURRY TO SECURE FUNDS TO PAY RAILROAD

Story of His Borrowing Millions and Half From the Illinois Central Told by His Friends, Who Say Insurance People are Behind.

HARRAHAN, HARRIMAN PARROT.

New York, Sept. 26.—"I have more money today than at any time during the last fifteen years," said Stuyvesant Fish today.

The six-foot, broad shouldered financier seemed amused to think that the open letter of J. F. Harahan, president of the Illinois Central railroad, might give one the impression that he is hard up and obliged to mortgage his house and tie up his income.

When asked if the sudden calling of the \$1,500,000 loan he had secured from the railroad had compelled a lasting curtailment of expenses or had interfered with Mrs. Fish's usual Newport campaign, Mr. Fish said:

"I am probably more able to spend money today than ever before, and I guess I am spending more."

Aside from the reply of Mr. Fish to the seeming attack upon his personal credit, financiers throughout the country are interested in the probability of amazing developments and the revelation of carefully guarded secrets in the Fish-Harriman battle. Mr. Fish admits that E. H. Harriman loaned him money to repay the first loan, but then suddenly turned against him and Mr. Fish was again obliged to make a quick raise of funds.

"That man Harriman is simply the parrot for Harriman," said Mr. Fish. "I would not dignify his letter by a reply, but will continue right on after Harriman. They may start many stories against me personally and officially as they wish, but just wait and see what is coming."

"Harriman was a bigger borrower from the Illinois Central than I ever thought of being," continued Mr. Fish, "yet now he tries to bring my loan against me as a fault."

Friends of Mr. Fish declare that his loss of the presidency of the Illinois Central and the later attacks that have been made upon his administration are due to the determined stand he took on the part of the policy-holders of the Mutual Life Insurance company during the insurance investigation.

Charles A. Peabody is president of the Mutual Life Insurance company and he was also a director in the Illinois Central. On the eve of the day he differed with the insurance officials his friends say the matter of his loans from the railroad were made known to his enemies and a prompt demand made for payment.

The first request came in the form of a demand for a list of the loans and securities. Mr. Fish furnished these together with a list of the minutes of the directors' meetings referring to the loans. He was at once asked to make good the loans. This was, friends say, the first betrayal.

AGRICULTURE BOARD MEETING HERE TODAY.

Hubert Vreeland, commissioner of agriculture, chairman; William Adams, Cynthiana; G. M. Wilson, Bardonia; G. N. McGraw, Bayou; W. R. Moreman, Glendoe; Beck Breckinridge, county members, and Clarence Sale, secretary, of the state board of agriculture, are in the city today in conference with a committee from the Western Kentucky Immigration association on the advisability of state co-operation in promoting immigration. The conference was held this afternoon at the Pamer house preceding the afternoon session of the immigration convention at 3 o'clock.

FORREST'S CAVALRY

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 26.—The second annual reunion of the survivors of Forrest's cavalry will be held in Memphis on Thursday, October 17. This, the second event of the kind, will be more attractive and more enthusiastic than the first.

Fire at Metropolis.

Metropolis, Ill., Sept. 26.—(Special)—A house owned by William Bowman and occupied by John Cammings caught fire from a defective kitchen stove yesterday, but by quick work on the part of the occupants, the fire was extinguished before the

WED WHEN TWELVE YEARS OLD, MOTHER OF THREE AT SEVENTEEN, SEEKS DIVORCE

Mrs. Ella Spain Denied Admission to See Her Sick Child, Pleads Guilty to Breach of Peace. Husband, Wife and Father-in-Law Before a Magistrate.

A runaway bride at 12 years of age and the mother of three children at 17, Mrs. Ella Spain, wife of Bud Spann, of Tyler, says she is driven from home and deprived of the care of her own children, by her husband and his family, and she and her husband and her father-in-law L. B. Spann, have all been fined in court of Magistrate Emery for breach of peace. Mrs. Spann said she would apply for a divorce, and the petition was prepared. The first trouble in court was last February, when Bud Spann was fined \$25 for beating his wife. Mrs. Spann says she was driven from home and Mrs. Wallace, of Mechanicsburg, fore woman of the basket factory, took her in and gave her a home and employment. She learned that the youngest of her children was ill and demanded of her husband that he take her to his father's home, where the child lay. She said they told her it would die. She said members of the family tried to keep her out and she fought her way into the room where the child was in convulsions. L. B. Spann had her arrested for breach of peace on this occasion. She pleaded guilty, but a recitation of her story, resulted in a warrant for L. B. Spann on the same charge. The woman was fined \$10 and the man \$25. Magistrate Emery took pity on the woman, who said she had no money with which to get a divorce. Attorney Eugene Graves, who was present, consented to prepare the petition for nothing, and Circuit Court Clerk Miller agreed, when Magistrate Emery laid the facts before him, to cut the fees in two. Magistrate Emery donated his services as certifying magistrate. Mrs. Spann was the daughter of Tom Everts, now dead, a well known, hard working citizen. Her mother was killed a year ago at a railroad crossing on the Husband's road.

Back to Calloway County Go Two Youths to Learn How to Throw Dice

Two young sports from Murray, "country guys," as a means of precaution against being run in by the city police they took their "victim" away out of the city into the woods. In order to display their marksmanship with the bones they invited a friend or so to the skinning. It is said the country boy knew a few things about gambling himself and in a shorter time than it takes to tell he had the "skinner's" "skin." After relieving the boys of their ready cash he then introduced himself as a boy, who was also born and reared in Murray, but who has been in the wild and woolly west for several years. He recognized the boys at first meeting but kept his identity a secret in order to teach them a lesson.

PICTURE MACHINE IS DESTROYED AT MURRAY

Operator Burned and Audience Stampeded, But no Hostilities.

Murray, Ky., Sept. 26. (Special)—While a performance was being given at the electric theater last night, the film in the picture machine became ignited and the film and machine were destroyed. Mr. James Banks who was operating the machine, was burned about the face and body, but fortunately escaped serious injury. The show was run by Tom and Jim Banks in an upstairs room over the Banks restaurant. The burning of the film caused a stampede of the audience, but no one was injured.

TOM COBURN PROMOTED.

Mr. Tom Coburn has been promoted to the management of the Palmer House Cigar company to succeed J. F. Gaebele, who resigned to enter the hotel business in Henderson. This promotion with an increase in salary is an evidence of the confidence in which Mr. Coburn is held by R. D. Bakrow and Bro., proprietors of the cigar company, as he has been with them only three months. Mr. Carl Puryear has accepted the position of assistant manager and another clerk will be secured.

DR. DAVENPORT ILL.

The Rev. David C. Wright, rector of Grace Episcopal church, went to Metropolis this morning where he was called to be with the Rev. Dr. Davenport, a clergyman of the Episcopal church, who is critically ill there. Dr. Davenport was formerly the minister of the Episcopal church in Cairo, and is well known in Paducah. He is a minister of prominence and recently has been connected with a church school. He has

American Cup

New York, Sept. 26.—The New York Yacht club at a meeting last night declined the challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton for a race for the American cup next year. The decision was made during the principal social gathering of the season.

It looks favorable for the yacht race in spite of the New York Yacht club's refusal to consider Lipton's challenge to race 68-footers. Lipton probably will build a 90-footer to meet the requirements of the Americans.

WHEN UNIONVILLE WAS BORN ON LINE BETWEEN STATES

New York, Sept. 26.—Some interesting evidence that lay almost hidden in the voluminous schedule of oil tariffs submitted to the interstate commerce commission by the Standard Oil company was unfolded today at the hearing of the federal suit against the so-called oil trust, when Calvin M. Payne, vice-president of the National Transit company, took the stand to tell about the various pipe lines of the oil combine over which he has supervision. The schedule shows that the lines for transportation of the crude oil by the Standard's pipe lines are fixed at Unionville, which is on the state line between New York and New Jersey, and Center Bridge, located on the New Jersey and Pennsylvania line. Frank B. Kellogg, conducting the federal action, asked Mr. Payne if Unionville did not spring into existence in 1906, when the Hepburn bill which provides that common carriers must publish tariff schedules, became a law. Mr. Payne testified that Unionville looked up geographically in the summer of 1906, while he was abroad.

Another Clever Scheme.

New York, Sept. 26.—Frank B. Kellogg, the government's attorney in the suit to dissolve the Standard of New Jersey, is searching for "imaginary" pipe line stations to which the independents may pipe oil under what is called the trust's clever evading of law of 1906, making pipe lines common carriers and forcing publications of rates. C. N. Payne, a pipe line expert of the Standard, was forced by Kellogg to admit that schedule rates furnished interstate commerce commission were worthless to all but the Standard, as they named imaginary points as places of delivery.

DR. D. R. MERRITT PASSES AWAY AT MAYFIELD HOME

Mayfield, Ky., Sept. 26.—(Special)—Seventy-four years old, Dr. D. R. Merritt, president of the Exchange bank died at his home in Mayfield last night at 10 o'clock, after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Dr. D. R. Merritt, of Fancy Farm, and "Bud" Merritt, of Mayfield, and a daughter, Mrs. Geo. Tharp, of Mayfield.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence. The Rev. J. C. Sheiton, of Mayfield, and Rev. S. B. Moore, of Paducah, will officiate.

Dr. Merritt practiced medicine for years in Graves county. He was one of the wealthiest men in the county and several years ago became president of the Exchange bank, a successful institution.

Meeting at Benton.

Benton, Ky., Sept. 26.—(Special)—The Rev. W. P. McCowan, of Indianapolis, began protracted meeting at the Christian church last night. The interest was good from the outset and there were three additions. The church has no resident pastor.

KNIFE BLADE IN HIS BACK.

In a fight near the "Dogwood" factory, on the north side, this morning John Davis is said to have stabbed Charles Grace, colored, in the back the knife blade breaking off, producing a serious wound. County Physician Young and Dr. Frank Boyd are now operating on Grace to remove the blade. Davis is under arrest.

Mr. C. A. Meyers Here.

Mr. C. A. Meyers, of Bandana, is here to exhibit Dick Patchen in the Horse Show. He formerly clerked for

CONVENTION ON IMMIGRATION OPENS FIRST SESSION TODAY IN CASINO AT WALLACE PARK

Large Number of Delegates in Attendance and Much Interest Shown in Plans of Organization—Excellent Speeches on Subjects Assigned on Program.

LAST SESSION IS TOMORROW.

Western Kentucky's second annual immigration and good roads convention began at the Casino, Wallace park, this morning at 10:30 o'clock with a manifestation of little interest among Paducah citizens and with a limited attendance from McCracken county. Only two members of the morning's program were heard and an afternoon session at the city hall is being held now to hear the address of the Hon. Terrence V. Powderly, chief of the national bureau of information, department of immigration, Washington, D. C., on the subject of "Immigration and Good Roads."

The council chamber in the city hall will be the scene of tomorrow morning's session of the convention. Instead of the Casino, as this morning's attendance demonstrated that business men will not go out to that place of meeting. Judge R. T. Lightfoot gave his address on "Good Roads" this morning, and the Hon. J. F. Merry, of Manchester, Iowa, spoke on "Diversified Farming." The convention was opened with prayer lead by the Rev. W. E. Cave.

President D. H. Hughes, of the Western Kentucky Immigration association, was chairman of this morning's session.

After the speaking Mr. Hubert Vreeland, secretary of agriculture, made the motion for an afternoon session and asked that a committee be appointed from the convention to meet with the state board of agriculture at noon in the Palmer house. President Hughes appointed on this committee Messrs. Saunders Fowler, W. F. Bradshaw, E. B. Johnson and D. W. Coons. In this conference state co-operation with western Kentucky in the immigration movement will be discussed. The meeting of the state board in Paducah at this time was arranged at the instance of Secretary Coons, of the Commercial club.

The excellent band for the horse show and races played at the convention this morning. Mrs. Edmund Post and Mrs. O. L. Gregory were interested auditors of the speaking and attended as an unofficial compliment to the business men for their courtesies in the Woman's club work.

Lack of Co-operation. Judge Lightfoot used as the theme of his address, the lack of co-operation of the citizenship in the county with county officials in their efforts to give public improvements. The technical part of securing good roads such as construction, etc., he said was not the difficulty in the way of their realization, but the abhorrence the average citizen has of a slightly increased tax rate when the result will be absolutely necessary public improvements.

Judge Lightfoot gave evidence of the short-sighted policy of spending each year large sums on dirt roads and without any decrease in cost. If gravel roads are built, while the initial cost will be heavier, the decrease in the cost of repairs for the succeeding years will demonstrate their economy. But gravel roads cannot be built without more money than is now given to roads. The citizens who talk much about the corruption of county officers and the crime of raising the tax rate, Judge Lightfoot said, were the real difficulty.

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POWDERLY SPEAKS.

Terrence V. Powderly, chief of the bureau of information, department of immigration, at Washington, D. C., has cancelled other engagements and will deliver an address at the court-house at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Teachers Are in Session.

This afternoon a general teachers' meeting is in progress at Washington school building. A course of study for teachers for the two terms will be outlined.

New York, Sept. 26.—The board of education is considering the restoration of corporal punishment in public

SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF COUNTY HOLD CONVENTION HERE

Miss Nannie Frayser, of Louisville, Principal Speaker, of Occasion. Will Deliver an Address at Woman's Club in Afternoon—The Program:

REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS.

Mrs. Nannie Lee Frayser, of Louisville, will be one of the principal speakers at the county Sunday school convention, which will be called to order in the First Presbyterian church, Saturday, October 5, at 9:30 o'clock, by the president, the Rev. William Bourquin. Miss Frayser will speak at the Woman's club at 3 o'clock.

The program for the convention is:

Saturday Morning.

9:30—Devotional, the Rev. G. W. Banks.
9:45—Sunday School Work in Our City and County, the Rev. William Bourquin.
10—The Primary Department, Miss Alice Compton.
10:30—The Elementary Department, Miss Nannie Lee Frayser, of Louisville.
11—The Adult Department, Mr. J. G. Miller.
11:30—The Associated Sunday School Work, the Rev. E. B. Kuntz, Mayfield.
12—Adjournment.

Saturday Afternoon.

2—Conditions and Needs of the Sunday Schools.
Fifth and Sixth Magisterial Districts, Mr. Keener Rudolph, of Lone Oak, secretary of district association.
2:10—Seventh District, Mrs. W. T. Harrison, Lone Oak, president of district association.
2:20—Eighth district, the Rev. J. H. Thomas, Woodville, president of district association.
2:30—Great Movement in Sunday School Work, the Rev. E. B. Kuntz, Mayfield.
3—Adjournment because of lecture of Miss Nannie Lee Frayser, at Woman's club.

Saturday Night.

7:30—Devotional exercises, the Rev. J. R. Henry.
7:45—The Sunday School a Vast Field of Opportunity, J. A. Carnegie, superintendent of public schools.
8:10—Echoes of State Sunday School, Prof. W. H. Sugg, principal of High school.
8:40—Bible Stories, Miss Nannie Lee Frayser.
9—The Union Teachers' Training Class, the Rev. D. C. Wright.
9:15—Business.
9:30—Adjournment.

FUNERAL OF G. L. HAYS.

The funeral of the late G. L. Hays, of Bandana, the father of H. D. Hays, the well known barber, took place this morning at 10 o'clock at Oak Grove cemetery.

The funeral of the infant child of C. E. Ellenwood, who lives near Wallace park, takes place this afternoon.

POLICEMEN ARE DEPUTIES.

Every policeman has been sworn in as a deputy sheriff to maintain order at the fair grounds. This precaution is credited to Chief Collins, who is an ardent admirer of horse racing, and who desires to see the best of sport.

Clean Up Orders Given by to Tom McGarrigal Prove Effective.

A practical joker that is really practical, is jolly little Tom McGarrigal—and if Tom isn't Irish he can't blame his name. McGarrigal works for the Biederman grocery at Seventh and Washington streets and in his rounds with the wagon delivering groceries, the son of Erin has had a splendid opportunity to know whose premises are well kept and those that should be attended to. Having a natural antipathy for filth, Thomas delegated himself to the office of sanitary inspector and, for the fun of the thing as well as for the practical good he would accomplish, got busy. Every evening after the customers had left the store and the day's business was over Tom would begin to observation for a beginner Tom would say: "Hello, is that humber —?" "Yes." "Well, this is the city health officer. Your premises are in a bad shape and unless you clean them up by 10 o'clock tomorrow morning I shall issue a warrant for your arrest." So on down the line Tom issued his "warning orders" and the next morning he found, in some cases, the whole family, even dead, busy as beavers, cutting weeds and cleaning up generally, and sprinkling lime around the back door, giving prompt attention to the "health officer's" orders. When Tom appeared at the usual time with his bundles of groceries, they did not suspect the real



Increased cloudiness. Warmer tonight. Friday probably showers and